

REMARKS

Revocation of Power of Attorney

Applicant is enclosing herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney naming BRUCE H. TROXELL as attorney of record in this patent application. It is requested that all further correspondence regarding this matter be forwarded to TROXELL LAW OFFICE PLLC at the address listed on the enclosed form. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM is also being submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pharo (U.S. 5,427,830). Claims 4 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pharo.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) insofar as the valve, and the different shaped bladders, referred to in the claims, were not illustrated in the figures. Since these terms have been deleted from Applicant's new claims, it is not believed that any drawing corrections are necessary.

New Claims

The new claims are directed toward an air packing bag comprising: an upper sheet (21); a lower sheet (22); a lower film (25) located between the upper sheet and the lower sheet; an upper film (26) located between the upper sheet and the lower film; an intermediate heat-proof member (33) located between the upper film and the

lower film and in an air passage (14); a plurality of bladders (10) and the air passage are defined between the upper sheet and the lower sheet by a plurality of first seals (31) and second seals (35), the plurality of second seals are formed on opposing sides of the upper sheet, the lower sheet, the upper film, and the lower film, and on opposing sides of the air passage, the plurality of first seals are spaced apart between the plurality of first seals on the sides of the upper sheet, the lower sheet, the upper film, and the lower film; and the air passage is formed along an end of the plurality of bladders and having an interior communicating with an interior of each of the plurality of bladders communicates and an open end communicating with an exterior thereof.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: an opening (50) located between two adjacent second seals; a plurality of coupling points (34) connecting the upper sheet, the lower film, and the upper film, wherein, when the plurality of bladders are inflated with a fluid, the upper sheet, the lower film, and the upper film are pressed away from the lower sheet by the fluid; the fluid is one of air and an inert gas; each of the plurality of bladders having an independent air inlet communicating with the air passage; the plurality of first seals and the plurality of second seals are unevenly spaced apart; and the upper sheet, the lower sheet, the lower film, and the upper film are made of plastic.

The cited reference to Pharo teaches a continuous inflatable plastic wrapping material having a top layer (117), a bottom layer (117A), and a two-ply valve system located along a center of the top layer.

Pharo does not teach the plurality of second seals are formed on opposing sides of the upper sheet, the lower sheet, the upper film, and the lower film, and on opposing sides of the air passage; the plurality of first seals are spaced apart between the plurality of first seals on the sides of the upper sheet, the lower sheet, the upper film, and the lower film; the air passage is formed along an end of the plurality of bladders and having an interior communicating with an interior of each of the plurality of bladders communicates and an open end communicating with an exterior thereof; an opening located between two adjacent second seals; a plurality of coupling points connecting the upper sheet, the lower film, and the upper film, wherein, when the plurality of bladders are inflated with a fluid, the upper sheet, the

lower film, and the upper film are pressed away from the lower sheet by the fluid; nor does Pharo teach the plurality of first seals and the plurality of second seals are unevenly spaced apart.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Pharo does not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Pharo cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Pharo does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Pharo renders obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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